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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL GONZALES ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF LEE LOFTHUS AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales today announced the appointment of Lee Lofthus as Assistant Attorney General for Administration. Mr. Lofthus has served in an acting capacity since June 1, 2006, following the resignation of former Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Dr. Paul Corts.

“Lee has demonstrated that he is an exceptional manager, advisor and leader,” said Attorney General Gonzales. “We are extremely fortunate that, with his breadth of experience and commitment to the Department of Justice, he will continue to serve in this important role.”

Under the leadership of the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, the Justice Management Division (JMD) serves as the management arm of the Department of Justice, advising the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General on various issues related to the operation of the Department. The Assistant Attorney General for Administration serves as the Department’s Chief Financial Officer, and his responsibilities include Department-wide financial reporting, budget formulation and execution, accounting operations, asset forfeiture fund operational support, procurement, and debt management support.

Mr. Lofthus also oversees facilities management, human resources, business services, and planning. He is a key executive liaison with the congressional Appropriations Subcommittees on appropriations matters. Mr. Lofthus is also responsible for key financial initiatives in the President’s Management Agenda, and the issuance of the Department’s public financial statements.

Mr. Lofthus has served in several financial management positions with the Department of Justice for more than 20 years. He joined the Department in 1982 and since that time, has held senior management positions overseeing financial operations, financial policy, reporting, and systems. Prior to his appointment as Acting Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Lofthus served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General/Controller of JMD. He also served as the Department’s Deputy Chief Financial Officer. Prior to becoming Controller, he was the Director of the Finance Staff. Earlier in his career, he served as the Chief of the Finance Branch for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Mr. Lofthus received his M.B.A. in 1982 from The American University in Washington, D.C., with a concentration in financial management.

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